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John OVERMAN, et al.	:	Confirmation Number: 9777
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Patent No.: 7220,093	:	Group Art Unit: 3651
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Filed: April 02, 2004	:	
Issued: May 22, 2007	:	Examiner: Khoi H. Tran
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For: FLATS BUNDLE COLLATOR	:	

**REQUEST FOR CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION UNDER 37 CFR 1.322**

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**Certificate**  
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Sir:

In reviewing the above-identified patent, a printing error was discovered therein requiring correction in order to conform the Official Record in the application.

The error noted is set forth on the two attached copies of form PTO-1050 Rev. 2-93 in the manner required by the Commissioner's Notice.

Specifically, on the title page, under section (65) insert, - - (61) Related U.S. Application Data, Continuation of U.S. Application No. 09/694,403, filed on October 23, 2000, now U.S. Patent No. 6,748,294. - -, and on page 1 of the specification under column 1, line 3, insert;  
- - Related U.S. Application Data, Continuation of U.S. Application No. 09/694,403, filed on October 23, 2000, now U.S. Patent No. 6,748,294. - -. For your immediate reference a photocopy

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**Patent No.: 7220,093'**

of the Original Transmittal, Declaration of Power of Attorney and the Official Filing Receipt is attached.

The change requested herein occurred as a result of printing the Letters Patent and the Certificate should be issued without expense under Rule 322 of the Rules of Practice. Accordingly, Applicants request issuance of the Certificate of Correction.

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PATENT NO. : 7220093  
DATED : May 22, 2007  
INVENTOR(S) : John OVERMAN, et al.

It is certified that an error appears in the above-identified patent and that said Letters Patent is hereby corrected as shown below:

On the title page of the Letters Patent and page 1 of the specification;

On the title page, under section (65) insert:

-- (61) Related U.S. Application Data

Continuation of U.S. Application No. 09/694,403, filed on October 23, 2000,  
now U.S. Patent No. 6,748,294. --

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On page 1 of the specification under column 1, line 3, insert;

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## REQUEST FORM FOR APPLICATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

DOCKET NUMBER: 63288-660

Prior Application:

Art Unit: 3651

Examiner: Khoi H. Tran

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Sir:

This is a Request for filing a Continuation application under 37 CFR 1.53(b) of pending prior application

Serial No. 09/694,403, filed on October 23, 2000, entitled FLATS BUNDLE COLLATOR, by the following

named inventor(s): John OVERMAN, George RABINDRAN, Steve ARCHER, Dan RICE, Tom WELLS and Ken

GUENTHER.

1. ☒ I hereby state that the enclosed application contains no new matter.
2. Oath or Declaration
  - a. ☐ Newly executed (original or copy)
  - b. ☒ Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d))
    - i. ☐ Deletion of inventor(s)  
Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application, see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).
3. ☒ Incorporation By Reference (useable if Box 2b is checked)  
The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied under Box 2b, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.
4. ☐ Preliminary Amendment is enclosed.
5. ☒ An Information Disclosure Statement and PTO1449 Form are submitted herewith.
6. ☒ Cancel claims 2-42.

7. The filing fee is calculated on the basis of the claims existing in the prior application as amended at 4 and 6 above:

	NO. OF CLAIMS		EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	AMOUNT
Total Claims	1	-20	0	\$18.00 =	\$0.00
Independent Claims	1	-3	0	\$86.00 =	\$0.00
Basic Application Fee					\$770.00
If multiple dependent claims are presented, add \$0.00					\$0.00
Total Application Fee					\$770.00
Subtract ½ if small entity					\$0.00
<b>TOTAL APPLICATION FEE DUE</b>					<b>\$770.00</b>
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- 7a. ☐ Enclosed is a Verified Statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 37 CFR 1.27.
- 7b. ☐ A verified Statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 37 CFR 1.27 was filed in prior application and such status is still proper and desired.
- 8a. ☒ **PLEASE CHARGE DEPOSIT ACCOUNT 500417 in the amount of \$770.00**
- 8b. ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge fees under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required, including any extension of time fees to maintain the pendency of the parent application Serial No. 09/694,403 or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 500417.
9. ☒ Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:  
 --This application is a continuation of Application Serial No. 09/694,403 filed October 23, 2000--
10. ☐ Priority of Application Serial No. filed on , in is claimed under 35 USC 119. The certified priority document(s) were filed in Serial No. [case\_serial\_number] on .
11. ☒ The prior application is assigned of record to  
**BOWE BELL + HOWELL POSTAL SYSTEMS COMPANY**  
 Lincolnwood, Illinois
12. ☒ The power of attorney in the prior application is to:  
**McDermott, Will & Emery**
13. ☒ Also enclosed:  
 25 Pages of formal Drawings  
 Copy of Associate Power of Attorney and Change of Correspondence Address

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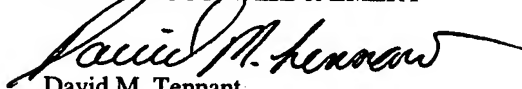
14. ☐ A petition, fee and response has been filed to extend the term in the pending prior application until .

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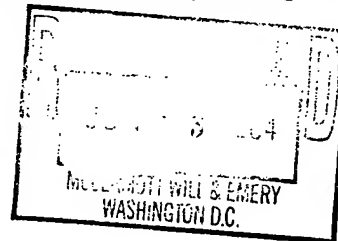
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### Assignment For Published Patent Application

BOWE BELL + HOWELL POSTAL SYSTEMS COMPANY, Lincolnwood, IL;

### Domestic Priority data as claimed by applicant

This application is a CON of 09/694,403 10/23/2000 PAT 6,748,294

### Foreign Applications

If Required, Foreign Filing License Granted: 06/17/2004

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Non-Publication Request: No

Early Publication Request: No

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**Title**

Flats bundle collator

**Preliminary Class**

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Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, 5.11 & 5.15**

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## DECLARATION

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office and citizenship are as stated below next to my name,

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled FLATS BUNDLE COLLATOR, the specification of which

 ☐ is attached hereto.

☒ was filed on October 23, 2000 as Application Serial No. 09/694,403 and was amended on (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is known to me to be material to patentability in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, Section 119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

**Prior Foreign Applications(s):**

Number	Country	Day/Month/Year filed	Priority Claimed
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I hereby claim the benefit under 35 USC §119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below.

**Prior Provisional Application(s):**

Application Number	Filing Date
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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, Section 120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, Section 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56 which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

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**Prior U.S. Application(s):**

Serial No.

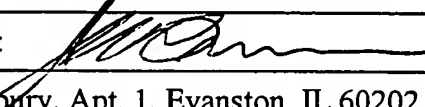
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